

NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY CORPORATION

# Standards Announcement

Project 2010-07 Generator Requirements at the Transmission Interface Informal Comment Period Open March 4 – April 4, 2011

Now available at: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2010-07\_GOTO\_Project.html.

# Informal Comment Period Open through 8 p.m. Eastern on Monday, April 4, 2011

The Project 2010-07 Generator Requirements at the Transmission Interface drafting team has posted for a 30day informal comment period, a White Paper on proposed concepts to support the modifications of various standards to clarify the reliability standard responsibilities of Generator Owners and Generator Operators at the interface to the interconnected grid. The White Paper, along with proposed redlined changes to standards that would be affected by the proposal, have been posted on the project Web page at http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2010-07\_GOTO\_Project.html.

### Instructions

The drafting team welcomes any constructive feedback for improving its proposal to ensure that the responsibilities of Generator Owners and Generator Operators at the interface to the interconnected grid are covered under NERC's Reliability Standards. Consider using the following questions to focus your comments:

- How can the proposal outlined in the White Paper be improved? Is the drafting team heading in the right direction?
- The drafting team has chosen to use informal means of receiving industry feedback (webinars, presentations before industry stakeholder groups, etc.) prior to expending valuable industry resources to develop specific proposals for reliability standard requirements, measures, VSLs, etc. Do you have any further suggestions for seeking industry input before the project moves into a more formal development phase?
- The Ad Hoc group originally proposed the new terms "Generator Interconnection Facility" and "Generator Interconnection Operational Interface" as part of this project. The Project 2010-07 drafting team believes that changes to the definition of Bulk Electric System under Project 2010-17 and modifications to a select group of standards can accomplish the same goal without the need for new definitions. Do you support this approach? If not, please explain.

Please submit comments by e-mail to Mallory Huggins at mallory.huggins@nerc.net.

#### **Next Steps**

The drafting team will consider the input received on the concept White Paper as it continues its work.

# **Project Background**

Significant industry concern exists regarding the application of Transmission Owner and Transmission Operator requirements, and more specifically, the registration of Generator Owners and Generator Operators as Transmission Owners and Transmission Operators based on the facilities that connect the generators to the interconnected grid. NERC formed the Generator Requirements at the Transmission Interface Ad Hoc Group in 2009 to analyze and make recommendations for establishing general criteria for determining whether Generator Owners and Generator Operators should be registered for Transmission Owner and Transmission Operator requirements in NERC's Reliability Standards. The Ad Hoc Group developed a report evaluating the issues and proposing a number of changes to add clarity on the requirements for generator interconnection facilities. Using feedback from the industry, NERC, and FERC, the Project 2010-07 drafting team significantly revised the Ad Hoc Group's original proposal and offers a refined proposal here.

## **Standards Process**

The <u>Standard Processes Manual</u> contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate.

For more information or assistance, please contact Monica Benson, Standards Process Administrator, at <u>monica.benson@nerc.net</u> or at 404-446-2560.

> North American Electric Reliability Corporation 116-390 Village Blvd. Princeton, NJ 08540 609.452.8060 | www.nerc.com